

Entry Deadline Tomorrow for Miss Torrance Contest

City Drops GP Tax Probe



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Deadline Tomorrow For Queen Contest

Unless more girls enter the Miss Torrance Contest of 1952 by tomorrow, there will be 10 disappointed girls but one very happy young miss, the queen, when judging day rolls around on July 17.

According to George Post, chairman of the Queen Contest, the deadline for filing applications is Friday, July 11. All entry blanks must be in his hands by 3 p.m. at the Torrance National Bank.

Entered in the race are: Shirley Jean Atchley, Sylvia C. Bellwood, Karen Dean, Barbara Delsigne, Darleen Ann Devine, Paula Francis, Dolores Foster, Patricia Jean Marshall, Beverly Maye Ragland, Shirley Joan White and Barbara Ann Williams.

Vegas Tour
Waiting for her majesty, just for the price of a smit, is a flying trip to Las Vegas for herself and escort. A giant Western Airlines plane will carry the queen to the famed resort city where she will stay as guest of the Torrance Area

Surplus Husbands
A Boise parent-teacher association recently published this ad: "Rummage sale Friday at the high school. Good chance to get rid of anything not worth keeping but too good to throw away. Bring your husband." Sounds like that wording might have been an accident that happened on purpose! There's nothing accidental about the way the Big "g" Classified Ads sell used articles. The results will amaze you. Phone in your action-ad now. Just call Torrance 444.

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YOUTH NIXES BEER PARTY; BEATEN BY TEENAGE GANG

Former THS Student Killed in Korea

Death of a former Torrance High School student on the battlefields of Korea was reported here this week.

Killed in action June 21, was 21-year-old Sydney Hatton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hatton who now live in Whittier. Young Hatton was raised in Torrance and attended the Carson Street School and Torrance High School before his parents went to Whittier three years ago.

He was a member of Co. E, 17th Infantry when killed, his mother reported yesterday. No details of his death have been received.

The young soldier, who had been in Korea about nine months, was expected to be sent home the latter part of this month, his mother said. She reported that he had written asking that his mother not send a package to him in Korea as he wouldn't be there to receive it.

Besides his parents, he leaves one sister, Mrs. Doreen Petty, of Anchorage, Alaska. The Hattons now live at 11895 Eagan Dr., Whittier.

Hoodlums Clout Young Usher at Drive-In Movie

A young theater usher at a drive-in theater was beat about the head and face by three teenage hoodlums who were out to get him because he previously had warned them about drinking beer inside the theater Monday night.

John Fellows, 19, of Lavendale, said that Sunday night he and another usher, Paul Riley, asked four boys in a late model sedan to stop guzzling beer while attending the show, located at 2500 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.

Leap From Car
The following night, while Fellows was assuming his usher duties, two boys leaped from a car, hit him across the face, nose and back of the head.

"We've come to get you," they said, Fellows told police. The two were joined by a third before other theater patrons came to the rescue. The trio jumped into their car, driven by a fourth boy, and sped away police were informed.

SIX ARRESTED AFTER NOISY SOCIAL CALL

Six men who made a noisy social call at the home of a young Torrance woman early Sunday morning wound up getting a date—but with Judge Otto B. Willett, in City Court July 17 to answer malicious mischief charges.

Arrested were Donald L. Brodrick, 22; Eugene P. Harper, 19; Tommy L. Holder, 18; James C. Luttrell, 18, all of El Segundo, and Vester and John Champion, both of Redondo Beach.

Miss Delores Jensen, of 1319 Crenshaw Blvd., told police that she and her boy friend found Vester "Buck" Champion in her house when they came home Saturday night.

Out for Evening
Buck had come to visit Miss Jensen's step-sister, but she was out for the evening.

Boy-friend and Buck had a few heated words, and Buck took a swing at boy-friend's jaw. Miss Jensen reported, so the boy friend tossed Buck out of the house.

Several hours later Buck and five pals returned and started hammering at the doors and windows, Miss Jensen told officers. She called police, and Lt. J. S. Thompson and officer John Hahn pinched the six noise-makers.

All are out on \$100 bail pending trial. Buck has offered to pay for a damaged door, and has apologized for the racket, it was stated.

Council Calls Off Refinery Tax Quiz

Investigation into the tax assessments against the General Petroleum refinery here by the City Council was apparently dropped Tuesday evening following the appearance of A. E. Thompson, superintendent of the refinery.

Graphically explaining the assessment breakdown of the huge refinery property, and the distribution of the tax dollars collected from the refinery, Thompson seemed to quell some of the fears held by members of the council that the city was not getting a fair shake on the taxes from the plant.

Inventories Down
Thompson explained that the large reduction in petroleum inventories during the past two years, due principally to the demands for petroleum brought about by the Korean war, accounted for a large percentage of the reduction in assessed valuation.

Graphs furnished the councilmen showed that the assessment on land, mineral rights, and improvements had risen steadily since 1948 from \$8,175,840 to the present \$10,104,020. However, it was pointed out, the petroleum inventories had dropped from a high of \$4,528,120 in 1950 to a present inventory of \$2,554,680.

Total valuations—including land, personal property and improvements—dropped from a high of \$14,650,290 in 1950 to \$12,416,870 in 1952, Thompson said.

Breakdown Given
A breakdown of the tax dollars collected from General Petroleum last year showed that the city received \$150,823, the Torrance Unified School District received \$313,782, El Camino College and the Torrance Water districts received \$86,222, Los Angeles County received \$220,726 and the County Flood Control District, Sanitation District and the Metropolitan Water District received \$36,891.

The inquiry into the tax situation was touched off two weeks ago when Councilman Nick Draie moved for an investigation of the assessment on the refinery after saying he couldn't see how the valuation was decreasing when the refinery was constantly expanding.

Following the presentation of the graphs and material by Thompson, Councilman Draie said: "Well, I guess we can forget GP taxes until next year."

Councilman Willys G. Blount, who backed Draie in his move for an investigation, is on his annual vacation and was not present Tuesday.

Battling Birds Land Farmer in Hands of Law

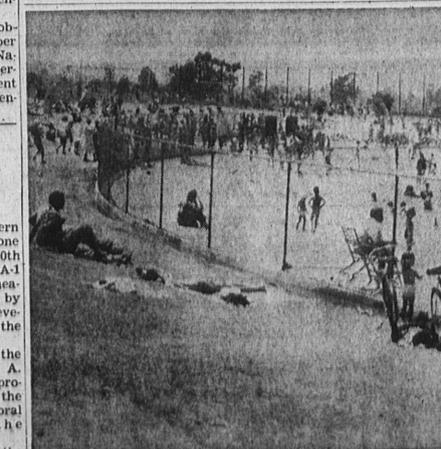
Joaquin Agarano Baligad, of 4360 W. 182nd St., who allegedly raises chickens, is in the hands of the law today, awaiting trial before City Judge Otto B. Willett next Tuesday morning.

Police Chief John Stroh has charged that Baligad was in possession of fighting cocks on his North Torrance farm. Some 20 birds, Chief Stroh said, were found, all trimmed for battle. Two of the birds were confiscated for evidence.

Baligad, released on \$250 bail, was ordered to have the remaining battlers destroyed.

WB Smoke Seen Here

That column of smoke which was visible from most parts of Torrance late yesterday afternoon was the fire which razed part of the Warner Bros. studio Burbank. The smoke, which from Walteria looked like it originated in North Torrance, rose high into the air.



SUMMER TREAT... Kids by the hundreds crowd the Alondra Park swimming lake daily as other hundreds take advantage of the acres of sandy beach surrounding the lake.

SUPER MARKET OPENS DOORS THIS MORNING

Jim Dandy's brand spanking new market, 22,000 square feet of it, will be open for business this morning at 9 o'clock, manager Henry Veltman announced yesterday. The new super shopping center is located at Torrance and Crenshaw Blvds.

Featuring more than 4000 items, including hardware, drugs and meat, as well as the complete list of grocery items, the market will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, Veltman said. A Grand Opening celebration is slated for next Thursday, July 17. Parking space for some 200 cars has been provided.

William Drews Dies Of Crash Injuries

Crash injuries received when his car went out of control six miles east of Santa Paula on Highway 126 last Thursday proved fatal to William Henry Drews, 41, of 22320 S. Main St. He died Saturday in the Ventura County Hospital.

A resident of Torrance all of his life, Drews was employed by the Wonderly Construction Co. at the time of his death.

Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday afternoon at the Stone and Myers chapel with Rev. Charlotte Shook of the Assembly of God officiating. Interment followed in Roosevelt Cemetery.

He leaves his widow, Bertha L., and three daughters, Mary, Thelma, and Mrs. Betty Pouners at the home address; two sons, Billy and Marion Drews at the home address; a step-father, Everett Wallace of Long Beach; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cope of Maywood; half brothers Roland and Charles Wallace, 721 W. 215th St.; a half-sister, Martha Wallace, 3223 W. 189th St.; a half-sister, Nellie Smith, of 21107 Denker Ave.; and a half-sister, Dorothy Jacobsen, 3223 W. 189th St. His widow's parents, Charles and Bessie Janeway, live at 21856 S. Figueroa.

Active pallbearers included Leonard Burt, Jasper Burton, Arthur Clark, Gerald Creath, Earl Goldsmith and Larry Ruddle. Herman Creath and George Goldsmith served as honorary pallbearers.



COORDINATOR... Orio A. Kresse, former superintendent of Columbia Steel Co., now retired, was named coordinating director of the Junior-Senior Chambers of Commerce Monday afternoon at a Board of Directors meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Dean L. Sears.